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Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231#8a  
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11/25/02**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

The above-identified application is being transmitted herewith for entry into the U.S. National Phase under Chapter II of the PCT. For the purposes of adding the priority information, please amend the application as follows:

**In the Abstract:**

Please substitute the attached Abstract, which has been placed on a separate piece of paper according to US practice.

**In the Specification:**

On the first line of the specification, after the Title, please add:

--This application is filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 371 as a United States National Phase Application of International Application No. PCT/EP0005039 filed June 2, 2000, which claims priority from Great Britain Application No. 9915413.0 filed July 1, 1999 --

**In the claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 1-14.

Please add the following new claims.